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REQUEST EMBASSY PASS FOLLOWING LETTER TO SOKOLOV WITH COPY
TO KAZAKOV:

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DEAR VLADIMIR EVGENIYEVICH:
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THANK YOU FOR YOUR RESPONSE TO MY CABLE OF THIS SPRING RE-
GARDING A JOINT MEETING ON MONITORING IN BIOSPHERE RESERVES
THIS FALL IN THE UNITED STATES. I AM PLEASED TO HEAR THAT A
SOVIET DELEGATION IS PREPARED TO COME THIS FALL. SOME AD-
JUSTMENTS IN THE TIME AND PLACE, FROM THOSE SUGGESTED IN
YOUR COMMUNICATION, SEEM DESIRABLE, HOWEVER.

FIRST, I SHOULD ADVISE YOU THAT UNESCO AND UNEP ARE SPONSORING AN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON MONITORING IN BIOSPHERE RESERVES IN THE SOUTHEASTERN UNITED STATES THIS FALL. IT WILL BE HELD IN OAK RIDGE, GREAT SMOKY MOUNTAINS AND COWEETA BETWEEN OCTOBER 23 AND 28. NATIONAL PARK SERVICE PERSONNEL, UNDER THE DIRECTION OF MR. VERNON C. GILBERT, ARE MAKING MOST OF THE ARRANGEMENTS. THERE WILL BE A NUMBER OF INTERNATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING EXPERTS AT THIS MEETING AND THE MEETING ORGANIZERS WOULD WELCOME THE PRESENCE OF SOVIET AND U.S. EXPERTS FROM A BILATERAL MONITORING MEETING.

I PROPOSE, THEREFORE, THAT OUR GROUP MEET IN THE SAME GENERAL AREA (I.E., AT SOME TOWN IN THE TENNESSEE - NORTH CAROLINA REGION) THE WEEK OF EITHER OCTOBER 16 OR OCTOBER 30 FOR BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS. IN ADDITION, OUR JOINT GROUP WOULD ALSO SPEND THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 23 AT THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE; FIELD TRIPS TO OAK RIDGE, GREAT SMOKY MOUNTAIN NATIONAL PARK AND COWEETA EXPERIMENTAL FOREST WILL BE A PART OF THIS CONFERENCE.

HAVING OUR MEETING IN THE SAME VICINITY AND JUST BEFORE OR AFTER THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE WOULD GREATLY SIMPLIFY THE MEETING ARRANGEMENTS THAT I WOULD HAVE TO MAKE. IT WOULD ALSO PROVIDE MUTUAL TECHNICAL BENEFITS TO THE BILAT-

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ERAL AND INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE.

I PRESUME THAT ANY SOVIET PARTICIPANTS IN THE CONFERENCE WILL BE EXPERTS ON ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING. THE OBJECTIVE OF THIS MEETING, AS I SEE IT, IS TO AGREE UPON SOME PARAMETERS AND MEASUREMENT OR ANALYTIC TECHNIQUES FOR MONITORING BY BOTH COUNTRIES ON THEIR RESPECTIVE BIOSPHERE RESERVES. IN THE UNITED STATES WE HAVE BEGUN TO AGREE UPON A SMALL, BUT DEFINITE, SET OF PARAMETERS.

IF, AFTER THE BILATERAL AND INTERNATIONAL MEETINGS IN THE SOUTHEAST, THE SOVIET DELEGATES WISH TO VISIT CORVALLIS AND SOME WESTERN BIOSPHERE RESERVES, IT CAN PROBABLY BE ARRANGED. A TOUR OF OTHER EASTERN BIOSPHERE RESERVES MIGHT ALSO BE POSSIBLE. I WOULD BE HAPPY TO HOST SUCH A TRIP. IT WOULD BE VERY DIFFICULT TO ARRANGE FOR THE BILATERAL MONITORING MEETING HERE IN CORVALLIS, HOWEVER, AND I PROBABLY COULD NOT PROVIDE FOR A TRANSLATOR DURING A VISIT TO THE BIOSPHERE RESERVES IN THIS AREA.

IN SUMMARY, MY PROPOSAL IS THAT WE MEET BILATERALLY DURING THE WEEK OF EITHER OCTOBER 16 OR 30 IN THE SOUTHEASTERN

UNITED STATES. SECONDLY, OUR GROUP WOULD JOIN IN THE

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE DURING THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 23.
BILATERAL PARTICIPANTS SHOULD BE EXPERTS IN ENVIRONMENTAL
MONITORING AND THE OBJECTIVE OF THE BILATERAL CONFERENCE
SHOULD BE A SPECIFIC LIST OF PARAMETERS FOR MONITORING ON
A BIOSPHERE RESERVE ALONG WITH THE TECHNIQUE OF MEASURE-
MENT AND/OR ANALYSIS.

BECAUSE THE TIME FOR ME TO MAKE NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS IS
SHORT, I WOULD APPRECIATE A RESPONSE FROM YOU BY AUGUST 18.
I HOPE IT WILL BE AN AFFIRMATIVE ANSWER.

SINCERELY YOURS,
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U.S. CHAIRMAN
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